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ACFT NUMBER THREE MADE FLT NUMBER 39 ON 7 FEB. PILOT EASTHAM.  
PURPOSE OF FLT INS AND TYPE I. TAKEOFF AT 1055 HOURS  
FOR ONE HOUR ELEVEN MINUTES. GROSS WEIGHT 90,000 POUNDS WITH  
CG AT 20.0 PERCENT. AB TAKEOFF AND AB CLIMB TO 25,000 FEET.  
OVER TARGET AT 286 KEAS AND 25,000 FEET. WHEN TO POSITION  
NUMBER THREE (AUSTIN) CLIMBED IN CLOUDS AT 300 KEAS TO  
30,000 FEET - DESCENDED TO 25,000 IN CLEAR - OVER TARGET -  
SELECTED POSITION NUMBER FOUR - LEFT SPIKE CAUTION LIGHT CAME  
ON - SPIKES APPEARED OK. CLIMBED TO 30,000 FEET AT 310 KEAS  
IN CLOUDS BROKE IN CLEAR OVER ELY SO FIXED POINT - 270 DEGREE  
TURN TO LEFT, BACK OVER ELY 310 KEAS, 30,000 FEET. AIR  
CONDITIONING MALFUNCTIONED - LOST PRESSURIZATION - COCKPIT  
TEMPERATURE OVER 100 DEGREES F - LOST LEFT HYDRAULIC SYSTEM  
PASSED OVER TARGET AREA ENROUTE HOME AT 25,000 FEET AT 286 KEAS -  
STARTED DESCENT TO HOME BASE DUMPING FUEL TO 15,000 POUNDS,  
PUT GEAR DOWN EMERGENCY SYSTEM, NORMAL LANDING AND BRAKE CHUTE.

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A-12 NUMBER 124 MADE FLIGHT NUMBER 15 ON AFTERNOON OF 6 FEB FOR ONE HOUR AND TWENTY EIGHT MINUTES. THIS WAS FIRST FLIGHT FOR                      WITH MR SCHALK AS INSTRUCTOR PILOT. FUEL LOAD 25,000 POUNDS. TAKEOFF IN AB, CLIMB TO 25,000 FEET. PERFORMED PILOT FAMILIARIZATION MANUEVERS FOR APPROX 45 MINUTES, INCLUDING AB CLIMB TO 40,000 FEET. ENTERED TRAFFIC, SHOT SEVERAL LOW APPROACHES TOUCH AND GO LANDINGS PLUS FULL STOP. CHUTE DEPLOYED NORMALLY. FLIGHT ROUTINE IN ALL RESPECTS.

                     REACTION TO FIRST FLIGHT VERY FAVORABLE.

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